

## MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN SEEDS

SIX FIREMEN BELIEVED DEAD UNDER WALLS OF DICKINSON WAREHOUSE, CHICAGO.

## GENERAL ALARM TURNED IN

Dust and Gas Explode—Thirty-Five Companies and Two Boats Respond—\$300,000 Fire at Columbus, Ohio.

Chicago, Ill.—A general alarm of fire was turned in Friday morning when two immense 12-story warehouses of the Albert Dickinson Co. caught fire. The company is one of the biggest seed and plant concerns in the country and the warehouses were filled.

At 9:30 one of the walls of the burning warehouses fell and six firemen are believed to have been caught under it and crushed.

Dust and Gas Explode. The fire started from an explosion of dust and gas in one of the buildings. The fact that the goods in both warehouses are extremely dry and combustible spread the fire rapidly and 35 companies and two fireboats were called.

The warehouses cover two square blocks and with their contents are valued at \$1,000,000.

### \$300,000 Fire in Columbus.

Columbus, Ohio.—Fire which began with an explosion, from some cause not known, in the Brunswick bowling alleys, at 3 a. m. today, burned out the building, spread to the six-story building of the Tracy-Wellis Co., and the latter, with the remains of its \$200,000 worth of stock, is a mass of ruins, piled in the cellar. The loss is \$300,000.

## BRYAN CRITICISES SUIT

In Commoner He Says Government Could Bankrupt Editors of Moderate Means.

Lincoln, Neb.—W. J. Bryan in Friday's issue of his Commoner says about the president's libel suit:

"The president has secured the indictment of Mr. Pulitzer of the New York World and Mr. Smith of the Indianapolis News.

"If every newspaper proprietor is to be threatened with bankruptcy by federal prosecution in case he dares to say a word against the action of a federal official, we will have taken the first step toward despotism. It will cost Mr. Pulitzer and Mr. Smith more than the fortune of the average man to defend themselves in the suits brought. What chance, therefore, would the average editor have in such a case?"

### Old Chicago Newspaper Man Dies.

Chicago, Ill.—Edward Jennings, a newspaper man in Chicago for 25 years, died suddenly of heart disease. He was born in Boston, Mass., in 1861, and was educated in the public schools, coming to Chicago soon after 1880. In 1885 he became one of the editors of the Associated Press and later became night manager at Chicago headquarters.

### Costly Necklace Still Missing.

San Francisco, Cal.—Detectives vainly searched the St. Francis hotel Thursday for the \$50,000 necklace lost or stolen from Miss Jennie Crocker at the Mardi Gras ball Tuesday night. Miss Crocker declared she did not believe any of the persons at the ball stole the necklace.

### Famous Paris Cartoonist Dead.

Paris, France.—Caran d'Ache, France's most famous cartoonist, died here Friday of heart failure. His real name was Emanuel Poire. He was born in Russia, and his name, "Caran d'Ache," is the Russian for lead-pencil.

### Once a Power; Dies Penniless.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Porteus B. Wear, at one time a power in the business world of Chicago, and later a factor in business in Seattle and the northwest is dead here. At the time of his death he was virtually penniless.

### Kelly Defeats Thomas.

New York, N. Y.—Hugo Kelly of Chicago defeated Jot Thomas, of San Francisco in five rounds before the Fairmont Athletic club Thursday night. The referee stopped the fight when Thomas was helpless.

### Pike's Biggest Man Is Dead.

Louisiana, Missouri.—Abe Sisson, 52 years old, 6 feet 9 inches tall, the largest man in Pike county, died of heart disease while automobiling Friday. Sisson formerly was chief of police of Louisiana.

### George R. Burrows Dead.

Madison, Wis.—George Baxter Burrows, former speaker of the lower house of the Wisconsin assembly, a member of the senate and a prominent Elk and Mason, died here Friday.

### McCall Declines College Presidency.

Concord, N. H.—Congressman McCall of Massachusetts has declined the presidency of Dartmouth college.

## PEACE MEN AT BANQUET

ELIHU ROOT URGES BANISHMENT OF THE JINGOES.

Choate, Brice, Hughes, Takahira and Nabuco Plead for World Friendship.

New York.—Around the banquet table at the Hotel Astor sat these men of peace Friday night: Elihu Root, senator-elect and guest of honor; William Howard Taft, president-elect; Joseph H. Choate, the toastmaster and recently ambassador to Great Britain; James Bryce, the British ambassador to the United States; Gov. Charles E. Hughes, Baron Kokoro of Japan, and Joaquim Nabuco, the Brazilian ambassador.

These were the men at the speakers' table. There were some 800 other men of peace at the other table. At least they must have been before the dinner was over for there was war talk of only one kind and that was war on the jingoes.

### Root Wars Upon War Agitators.

In this connection Elihu Root said: "I agree with Mr. Choate that there is no inconsistency between the work of a secretary of war and a secretary of peace, because so long as selfishness and greed and willingness to do injustice and brutality continues in this world, we must have the policeman, and the international policeman whose presence makes the use of his club unnecessary is the army and navy."

"If we would have peace it is not enough to cry 'peace,' 'peace.' It is essential that we should promote and insist upon the willingness of our country to do justice to all countries of the earth."

"War comes today as the result either of actual or threatened wrong by one country to another, or as the result of a suspicion by one country that another intends to do it wrong. The least of these three causes of war is actual injustice."

### Raps California Legislators.

"In this country of ours we are far from free of being guilty of all these diseases of war. The gentlemen who introduced into the legislature of California, of Montana and Nevada, the legislation regarding the treatment of the Japanese in those state doubtless had no conception of the fact that they were doing to that great nation of gentlemen, of soldiers, of scholars, of scientists, of statesmen—a nation worthy of challenge and receiving the respect, the honor and homage of mankind—an injury by an insult that would bring on private war in any private relation in our own country. Thank heaven, the wiser heads and the sounder hearts, instructed and enlightened upon the true nature of the proceedings, prevailed and overcame the inconsiderate and thoughtless."

"But a few days ago a member of the house of representatives, with no other apparent purpose than to make himself prominent by an attack upon the chief magistrate of the little republic of Panama a fraudulent conspiracy with regard to a contract under negotiation by the government of that country regarding the forests of Panama. All Panama was instantly alive with just indignation."

"These are the things that make for war, and if you would make for peace you will frown on them, condemn them, ostracize and punish by all social penalties the men who are guilty of them, until it is understood and felt that an insult to a friendly foreign power is a disgrace to the insulter, upon a level with the crimes that we denounce and for which we inflict disgraceful punishment by law."

### Two Thousand Lost in Battle.

Constantinople.—The Persians central liberal committee here received a telegram announcing a great victory of the Tabriz Liberals over the reactionaries. The latter lost 2,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners. The city of Shiraz, it is predicted, will be occupied soon. The Tabriz Anjuman asks permission of the central committee here to march on Teheran.

### After Melvin Sheppard.

New York.—Unless Melvin W. Sheppard, the world's greatest middle distance runner, furnishes the registration committee of the A. A. U. an itemized account of his expenses for competing in the games of the College of the City of New York he will be suspended. March 10 is the date set for the filing of the account.

### "Dry" Town in the Dark.

Newark, Ohio.—As a result of the loss of revenue derived when the county was "wet," under the Aiken high license law, eight patrolmen have been dismissed and the municipal lighting plant has been shut down for six weeks.

### Mrs. Stokes Victim of Ptomaines.

Boston, Massachusetts—Rose Pastor Stokes is suffering from an attack of ptomaine poisoning, caused, she says, by eating tainted beef. She has been in her room at the Hotel Seymour for several days. Her condition is reported better.

Pak Chalsan, former premier of Korea has been appointed minister of home affairs to succeed Home Minister Song, whose statement recently, charging American missionaries with fostering and encouraging insurrection in Korea, caused much comment and discussion.

## SOCIALIST PARTY HELP THE WOMEN

EQUAL SUFFRAGE TAKEN UP BY A POLITICAL PARTY AS AN ISSUE.

## NUMEROUS MEETINGS ARE HELD

Socialist Woman's Society and the Woman's Trade Union Leaders Have Day to Expouse Their Cause.

New York, N. Y.—Throughout the country Sunday in every city where a meeting could be arranged, there was an "equal suffrage demonstration," under the auspices of the Socialist party and the Socialist Women's societies. The meetings were provided for at the national conference of the Socialist party in Chicago which set February 28 aside as a "Woman Suffrage day," and marked the time as one on which a political party came forward as a champion of woman's right to the ballot.

Two meetings were held in the fur-

## Cannon Defends The House Rules

Washington, D. C.—Incensed by an attack alleged to have been made upon himself and the rules of the house of representatives by Edward E. Higgins, president of Success Magazine, Speaker Cannon Sunday made public a letter he had written in which he vigorously defends the house rules. "The rules may not be ideal," writes the speaker, "but they have stood the test among those who know them, in spite of half a century of denunciation such as Mr. Higgins puts forth."

The foundation principles of the rules were laid down more than a century ago under the leadership of Jefferson and Madison. They have been perfected from year to year to meet the needs of a growing representation of a growing nation."

### Attacked From All Sides.

"I receive letters from men who denounce the legislature, the executive, the judiciary, the law, the church, and the rules of the house of representatives. One published makes it a point

to denounce the narrowing influences of religion on our civilization, and demands legislation that we destroy this influence; another denounces the fundamental law of the land, and would destroy the constitution and the statutes; a clever stock broker sends out bulletins attacking the executive, and another advertises his attack on business. Mr. Higgins employs the same methods to attack the speaker and the rules of the house."

"He attacks the present speaker as representing 'the interests'—whatever that may mean. I confess I do not know, but I have noticed the use of the expression by those who, while ready to attack men in public life, still have a regard for the libel laws, and seek to discredit without assuming the responsibility for simple and direct accusations which they might have to prove or suffer the consequences. Mr. Higgins has this same respect for the law, while he apparently makes free to insinuate unworthiness against lawmakers."

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pany, and frequent fatal accidents have occurred in it.

The scene of the explosion is a mile from the foot of the main shaft, and the passageways leading to it are ablaze. Thousands of feet of fire hose have been taken inside and a big force of fire fighters are at work. The explosion was caused by a careless miner, who, shortly after 8 o'clock this morning, needed a mine rail and went into an abandoned chamber to look for one. He had a lighted lamp on his hat, and the explosion followed.

Brattic and doors were torn out and mine cars tossed from the tracks. All was in darkness, and miners who had escaped groped their way out, picking up the injured en route.

## MINERS CAUGHT IN TRAP

THIRTY MEN ARE IMPRISONED BEYOND REACH OF HELP.

Twelve Men Are Taken Out Badly Burned, but Others Are Below the Flames.

Easton, Pa.—One of the worst disasters in the history of anthracite mining in this vicinity may develop from the explosion of gas in the South Creek slope of No. 14 colliery of the Pennsylvania Coal company at Port Griffith.

Twelve men who were badly burned, several of them probably fatally, were taken from the mines within an hour after the explosion.

Fire followed the explosion and 30 men who were behind the explosion were caught like rats in a trap.

At 10 o'clock none of the rescuing parties had been able to get any place near the trapped men, and the probabilities are that they have all succumbed or will succumb to the gas or the flames.

There were 42 men at work when the explosion occurred. The 12 of those who were rescued were on the side toward the opening from the explosion.

### Fire Stays Rescuers.

A big fire has broken out in the vein and prevents the rescue of imprisoned men. This colliery is known

## "LUCKY" BALDWIN DIES ON COAST

NOTED TURFMAN AT 81 SUC-  
CUMBS TO PNEUMONIA AT  
HOME IN CALIFORNIA.

## "UNLUCKY" IN LATE YEARS

With Gold Fever, Youth of 22 Went West in 1850—Life of Romance—Pitiless With Fleece.

Los Angeles, Cal.—E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin, the noted turfman, died at his home at Arcadia.

He was stricken with pneumonia six weeks ago and later rallied and was able to appear at his famous Santa Anna race track. The exertion was too great and a relapse followed from which he failed to recover.

Lucky Baldwin was born in Butler county, Ohio, April 3, 1828. Young Baldwin followed the occupation of his father before him. When his parents moved to Indiana young Baldwin went with them. There were boatloads of grain to be taken to Chicago markets; young Baldwin volunteered to care for that important end of the farming business. The spirit of barter and trade was born in the boy. In Chicago he manifested a great interest in the speculative markets. It was gambling, but the man who was destined to become one of the greatest gamblers of his day studied each investment to such good purpose that he accumulated a small fortune.

Lucky Baldwin was 21 years of age when the great gold fever swept over the world. All eyes were turned to California. From all lands they were coming; the hardy pioneers who were to build up the great Western state. For some reason Baldwin hesitated. He was never a man to act on impulse. He wanted to hear more of the country before casting in his lot with the West. What he heard must have satisfied him, for in 1850 he started from Racine, Wis., to drive across the plains to the new land.

Arriving in California, Baldwin engaged in various kinds of business and always with success. But all the time he was watching for a chance to make a grand coup. Small profits did not satisfy him. He saw other men becoming rich every day, and he was only waiting for his chance.

With the days of the great Comstock lode it came. Into that maelstrom of speculation went Elias J. Baldwin with his eyes wide open for the main chance. Miners were becoming millionaires over night. Great fortunes which stand today were built up in weeks.

### Took No Pity on Fleece.

There was a sudden flurry in the stock markets of San Francisco and out of it came a new millionaire "Lucky" Baldwin. He was merciless in his dealings with the men who had been misrepresenting the facts in the case. He had caught them in their own trap, and he showed no pity. This deal netted him his first great fortune, \$3,000,000.

### TOWN MOVES FOR BOOZE

Indiana Village Will Quit Prohibition County and Seek New Site in a Body.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Citizens of Haubstadt, Gibson county, have appointed a committee to purchase a tract of land across the line in Vanderburg county and will remove the town bodily to the new site.

Gibson county voted dry last week and the citizens of Haubstadt want to go into a county where there is no probability of a temperance wave engulfing them. The town has a population of about 700 and the heads of all the families were represented at the meeting at which it was determined to seek a new site.

### Warlike in Roumania.

London, England.—Messages from Bucharest say that Roumania has begun mobilizing her reservists in anticipation of an Austro-Servian conflict. The action is said to be purely defensive, as Prince Charles will not take sides unless forced to.

### Automobile Kills One.

New York, N. Y.—The snapping off of a rear wheel which sent an automobile in which he was riding with a party of friends, tumbling down an embankment Sunday night caused the death of George Porter.

### Four Bandits Die in Battle.

Guaymas, Mexico.—Overtaking a fleeing band of bandits, rurales in the Mier district fought a fierce battle with them which lasted 45 minutes, killing Feliciano Romero, the leader, and three others of the band.

### Stephenson May Win.

Madison, Wis.—When the joint session of the legislature met Monday there was every indication that Senator Stephenson would win and end the deadlock that has lasted a month.

### Town Is Fire-Swept.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—Fire destroyed two dwellings, a store, a public hall and skating rink at Vanduser, a few miles south of here. The fire originated in the skating rink.

## TITLED WOMEN JAILED

LADY LYTTON AMONG SUFFRAGETTES IMPRISONED.

Police Arrest Leaders Trying to Force Interview With English Premier.

London, England.—Suffragettes of title and the highest social position were sentenced Thursday for from one to two months in jail for the demonstration last night, when an army of suffragettes tried to force an interview with Premier Asquith.

Among those sentenced were Lady Constance Lytton, sister of Lord Lytton and daughter of the former Viceroy of India; Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, Daisy Solomon, daughter of the ex-premier of South Africa, and others of equal rank.

Thirty suffragettes were arraigned in court as a result of last night's arrests. They refused to give bond for their good behavior in the future and chose instead the prison sentences.

### Suffragettes Swarm Albany Citadel.

Albany, N. Y.—Undaunted by the absence of their expected leader, Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay, with badges and banners, bearing the militant words, "Votes for Women," delegates of the Equal Franchise Society swarmed into Albany to assail the ramparts of legislation in an attempt to wipe from the state constitution the noxious little word "male." Mrs. Mackay, brilliant society leader and popular member of the fashionable of New York, who recently identified herself with the suffragist movement, had promised to head the delegation from her city. She was prevented at the last minute by illness.

While hotel corridors and lobbies hummed with anticipation and confidence, the more distinguished leaders, including Rev. Anna H. Shaw, president of the national association, appeared before the judiciary committees of the senate and assembly.

A rival band with less of the panoply of war, yet no less confident of success, including officers and members of the Women's State association, also advanced upon the legislators, opposing the extension of the right of franchise. Of this organization Mrs. Elihu Root is a prominent member.

### Woman Gets Place Over 35 Surgeons.

New York, N. Y.—After a course at Cornell, a year spent on the surgeon's seat in a busy Williamsburg ambulance and several months as assistant house surgeon, Dr. Mary Merritt Crawford, 25 years old, was made house surgeon of the Williamsburg hospital today, which means chief of the surgical staff.

Her corps of assistants includes seven men, and she is said to be the first woman to hold such an important position in a large city hospital. In her examination for the place as ambulance surgeon Dr. Crawford stood first over 35 other applicants, all men.

### Iowa Authorities Want Maberry.

Des Moines, Iowa.—Armed with requisition papers, Detective Groneweg left Wednesday night for Little Rock, where J. C. Maberry is under arrest charged with being the leader of a gang of fake racing and wrestling matches in Council Bluffs. Maberry was arrested on charges brought by T. W. Bellew, of Princeton, Mo., stating he had been swindled out of \$30,000 cash.

### Kaiser Wilhelm II. in Port Uninjured.

New York, N. Y.—The big German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm II. from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, which grounded in the fog in Gedney's Channel Wednesday and was pulled off, and backed to Ambrose Channel lightship and anchored, came up the bay Thursday and landed her passengers. The liner was unharmed by the contact with the mud.

### Senator Kenna's Widow Dies.

Washington, D. C.—Mrs. Annie V. Kenna, widow of Senator John E. Kenna of West Virginia, died Wednesday in this city. Mrs. Kenna, following her husband's death, was appointed postmistress at Charleston, W. Va., a position she held many years, and against strong opposition from political sources. She had been in ill health more than a year.

### No Statehood This Session.

Washington, D. C.—There will be no statehood legislation for New Mexico and Arizona at the present session of congress. At a meeting of the committee on territories today, all members, regardless of party, in a sensational scene, abandoned consideration of the house bill.

### U. S. Telephone to Increase Capital.

Columbus, Ohio.—The United States Telephone company, the big rival of the Bell concern, was Thursday authorized to increase its capital stock to \$5,550,000, with an additional issue of \$500,000.

### Woman's Slayer Hanged at Reading.

Reading, Pa.—Frank Palmer, murderer of Mrs. Gertrude Clinton, was hanged in the jail yard here Thursday. The man's neck was broken by the drop and death was instantaneous.

### Slayer of Stepdaughter Is Hanged.

Westchester, Pa.—Irwin A. Lewis, the young Franklin township farmer, murderer of his stepdaughter, was hanged in the Chester county prison here Thursday.

Mrs. L. Henri Rixey, a sister of Surgeon P. M. Rixey, of the navy, died suddenly at the latter's residence in Washington Sunday night.